

## FAQ about Westwood Community Choice Electricity

Westwood Community Choice Electricity (CCE for short) is a program offered by the Town of Westwood to residents and businesses with more renewable energy and more electricity supply choices. The program will launch in March 2023 with the following options. Eversource's Basic Service (the current town default option) is shown here for comparison.

1. ***What are the main benefits of this program?***

The main benefit of the Westwood Community Choice Electricity Program (CCE) is **stable and competitive electricity rates** and **options to incorporate more local renewable electricity sources** into our supply. More than 175 towns and cities in Massachusetts are already part of a program like this one, and it's exciting that Westwood is able to have its own Community Electricity Choice program.

2. ***This sounds great. What do I need to do to be a part of this program?***

If you have Eversource as your supplier, you will automatically be enrolled at the Westwood Standard level (0.1671 c/kWh) which includes 10% more additional renewable electricity than required by law.

To opt up to Westwood Plus with 100% renewable electricity, which costs only about 1 penny more per kWh (17.85 c/kWh), you can go to [westwoodcce.com](http://westwoodcce.com) or call the number for the supplier Direct Energy (866) 968-8065. If you want to opt down to Westwood Basic (16.31 c/kWh), use the same contact.

If Eversource is NOT your current supplier, you can still participate. Call your current supplier to review your options regarding your contract. When you're ready to join, just go to [westwoodcce.com](http://westwoodcce.com) or call the number for the supplier Direct Energy (866) 968-8065.

3. ***What part of my electricity bill will be affected? Will delivery charges increase?***

Only the Supply portion of your bill will be affected. Eversource will continue to deliver your electricity, repair all outages, and send you a single bill. The Delivery charges will not change based on whether or not you are in the program.

4. ***I feel like we're being pushed into this program. Why is the CCE an opt-out program?***

The voters of Westwood approved a warrant article at Town Meeting in 2019, asking the Select Board and town administrator to help the town enter a community electricity program, where we can buy electricity "at bulk" and have options for more renewable electricity content.

Community electricity programs like Westwood CCE are regulated by Massachusetts state law, and the law requires that these programs be opt-out. Each municipality's aggregation plan is reviewed and approved by the Department of Public Utilities.

The Westwood CCE program is very flexible. You may opt-out at any time. You may also switch between the levels at any time (Standard with 10% renewable, Plus with 100% renewable, and Basic), by calling the number for the supplier Direct Energy (866) 968-8065 or going to [westwoodcce.com](http://westwoodcce.com). The change will take effect on your next meter read.











5. ***I receive a net metering credit for my solar panels. Will joining the program affect this discount?***

No, joining this program does not affect any net metering credit you usually receive.

**6. I receive a discount rate through Massachusetts Eversource. Will joining the program affect this discount?**

No, the discount applies to the delivery costs of your electricity only, not the supply costs, so it will not be affected by joining the program.

For more information visit [Westwoodcce.com](https://www.townhall.westwood.ma.us/our-town/community-electricity-aggregation-cea). To view a short video on the CCE visit the Town of Westwood website <https://www.townhall.westwood.ma.us/our-town/community-electricity-aggregation-cea>

	Westwood Community Choice Electricity (CCE)			Eversource Basic Service
	Westwood Standard	Westwood Plus	Westwood Basic	Residential
				
<b>Rates</b>	16.710 ¢/kWh	17.850 ¢/kWh	16.310 ¢/kWh	25.776 ¢/kWh
<b>Fixed for 21 Months</b>				
<b>Extra Renewables from New England</b>				
<b>100% Renewable Energy</b>				
<b>Renewable Energy</b>	Adds 10% voluntary renewable energy (MA Class I RECs)	Adds voluntary renewable energy (MA Class I RECs) to total 100%	Meets renewable energy standards	Meets renewable energy standards
<b>Duration</b>	March 2023 - December 2024			January - June 2023